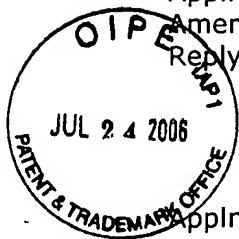


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Responsive to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page                      of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page                      of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page                      of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.